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CLAIMS:

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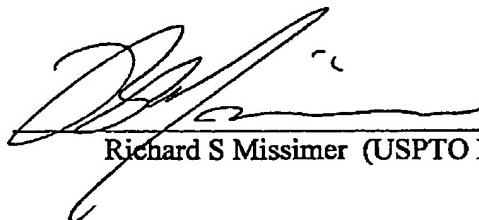
REMARKS:

The applicant has deleted the claims resolving the issue brought by the examiner. The inventor maintains the right to make modifications to the remaining claims as allowable by the examiner, and may at some time in the near future submit a "Divisional" application based on the original parent application # 10 / 789,146.

Very respectfully,

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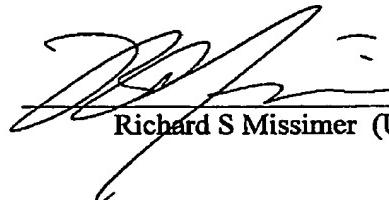
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(d).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 February 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) 1-18 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) (including the correction) is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-6 and 18, drawn to a jump takeoff position indicator system and method comprising an infrared light beam emitting device, an infrared light beam detecting device, a collimating means, a synchronization means, a display means, a memory for storing the status of said plurality of infrared light beams at the moment of takeoff, and a recall switch for recalling and displaying said status on said display means, classified in class 356, subclass 614.
- II. Claims 7-17, drawn to a jump takeoff position indicator system having an infrared light beam emitting device in an electronic assembly containing a plurality of infrared LEDS spaced at predetermined intervals with at least microcontroller for controlling the operation of said plurality of infrared LEDS, wherein said infrared light beam emitting device is powered by a battery in a housing and wherein low battery detection is provided and said housing provided with a plurality of alignment marks for visual alignment of said emitting device with said detecting device, classified in class 356, subclass 226.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are related as combination and subcombination. Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does

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not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)). In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because the subcombination requires an infrared light beam emitting device is an electronic assembly containing a plurality of infrared LEDS spaced at predetermined intervals with at least microcontroller for controlling the operation of said plurality of infrared LEDS, wherein said infrared light beam emitting device is powered by a battery in a housing and wherein low battery detection is provided and said housing provided with a plurality of alignment marks for visual alignment of said emitting device with said detecting device not required by the combination. The subcombination has separate utility such as in a system which does requires the particulars of the combination (e. g. a memory for storing the status of said plurality of infrared light beams at the moment of takeoff, and a recall switch for recalling and displaying said status on said display means).

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group I is not required for Group II, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sang Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-2425. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 am to 7:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory J. Toatley, Jr. can be reached on (571) 272-2800 ext. 77. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Patent Examiner
Sang Nguyen
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